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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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DEPT PASS BUREAU OF MINES  
NEW DELHI FOR RESOURCES ATTACHE SHAFER

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BTRA, BEXP, ENRG, IN  
SUBJ: OFFSHORE EXPLORATION BY OIL INDIA

REF: CALCUTTA 930 (NOTAL)

1. A.K. SARMAH, TECHNICAL MANAGER BASED AT DULIAJAN, ASSAM AND D. SEN GUPTA, CALCUTTA BRANCH MANAGER OF OIL INDIA LTD (OIL) VISITED CONGEN ON APRIL 18 AFTERNOON TO CONFIRM THAT SARMAH WILL ATTEND OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE (OTC) AT HOUSTON, MAY 2-5. IN A MEETING WITH CONSUL GENERAL THEY ALSO CONFIRMED REPORT IN ECONOMIC TIMES OF APRIL 18 THAT THE GOI MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS HAD GRANTED OIL NEW LICENSING AREAS FOR OFFSHORE AND ONSHORE EXPLORATION OVER 31,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS IN THE MAHANADI DELTA IN ORISSA.

2. SARMAH INFORMED CONGEN THAT OIL WOULD NEED TO PROCURE A LOT OF NEW EQUIPMENT, RIGS, VESSELS, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES ON CONTRACT FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR OFFSHORE EXPLORATION IN THE MAHANADI DELTA AND THEY WOULD PREFER TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM AMERICAN FIRMS. HE ADDED THAT THE OIL TEAM LED BY JAGANNATHAN, RESIDENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN NEW  
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DELHI WOULD PARTICIPATE IN OTC PRIMARILY IN ORDER MAKE CHOICE OIL'S FOREIGN CONTRACTOR FOR OFFSHORE EXPLORATION. SARMAH TOLD US THAT HE EXPECTS TO LEAVE INDIA ON APRIL 29 FOR THREE-WEEK TOUR IN U.S.A. AND HE WOULD SUPPLY US OIL TEAM'S ITINERARY FOR US TOUR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EXTENDING ASSISTANCE

TO OIL OFFICIALS IN NEW DELHI WHO CONTACT SHAFER. WILL  
INFORM USDOC AND US BUREAU OF MINES WHEN WE GET PRECISE  
DETAILS OF OIL TEAM'S TRAVEL PLANS TO HOUSTON.  
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